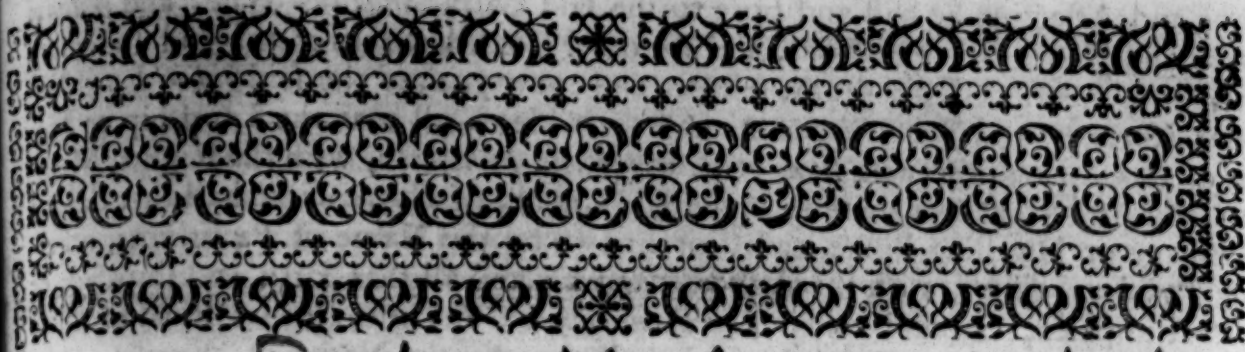


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Selling certain Manors, Capital Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of Hertford, comprised in a Settlement made by William Strode Esquire, deceased; and for purchasing, with the Money arising by such Sale, other Lands and Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses.



Whereas by Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Days of February One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-eight, and made, or mentioned to be made, between William Strode, of Punsborne, in the County of Hertford, Esquire, eldest Son and Heir of Samuel Strode, late of Punsborne aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, and the Right Honourable the Lady Anne Strode, Wife of the said William Strode, of the one Part, and the Right Honourable Simon Lord Viscount Harcourt, and John Blagrove, of Southcot, in the County of Berks, Esquire, of the other Part; after reciting or taking Notice, That the said William Strode was seised to him and his Heirs of the Fee-simple and Inheritance the Manors or Lordships, Capital Messuages, Messuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Woods, Rens, Hereditaments, and Premises, therein after mentioned and released, subject to a Mortgage he had made thereof, for a Term of Years, to Matthew Lamb Esquire, now Sir Matthew Lamb Baronet, for securing the Sum of Three thousand

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thousand Pounds and Interest, he the said *William Strode*, in Consideration of the Love and Affection he had and bore to the said Lady *Anne* his Wife, and *William Strode* and *James Strode* his Sons, and for other Considerations in the said Indenture of Release mentioned, did grant, release, and convey, unto the said *Simon* Lord Viscount *Harcourt* and *John Blagrave*, and their Heirs, all that the Lordship or Manor of *Punsburne*, otherwise *Punsborne*, otherwise *Ponsborne*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereof, in the said County of *Hertford*; and all that Capital Messuage or Dwelling-house, called or known by the Name of *Punesburne*, otherwise *Punshorne House*, with the Appurtenances; and all that Park and impaled, or in Part impaled, Ground called *Punsborne Park*; and also all that Field or Close of Meadow or Pasture Ground called or known by the Name of *Newgate Street Mead*, containing by Estimation Eleven Acres; and all those Two Closes of Pasture Ground called *Horse Leaze*, containing Ten Acres and a Half; and all that Parcel of Ozier Ground, containing One Acre and Two Roods; and all that Field or Close of arable Ground called *Great Chappel Field*, containing Eighteen Acres; and all that Field or Close of Pasture called *Little Chappel Field*, containing Five Acres and an Half; and all that Close of arable Land, heretofore being Part of *Howfield Wood*, containing Six Acres; and all that Barn, Stable, and Hay-barn thereupon erected; and all that little Pightle adjoining to the said last-mentioned Close, containing Three Roods; and all that Parcel of new-stocked Ground, being Part of *Howfield Wood* aforesaid, containing One Acre and Two Roods; and all that Parcel of Wood Ground, Part likewise of *Howfield Wood*, containing Ten Acres; and all that Parcel of Wood Ground called *Wormley Mead Hedgerow*, containing Two Acres and Three Roods; all which said Manor, House, and Premises, were late in the Occupation of *William Strode*, and then in the Occupation of the said *William Strode*, or his Under-tenants: And all that Messuage or Farm House, erected upon Part of the demesne Lands of the Manor of *Punsborne*, in the Parish of *Hatfield* aforesaid, with the Barns, Stables, Buildings, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, and Appurtenances, to the said Messuage and Farm belonging, or used, occupied, or enjoyed, as appertaining thereunto; and also all the Fields, Closes, and Pightles, of Arable, Meadow, and Pasture, therein after particularly mentioned and expressed; that is to say, all that Field or Close of Meadow and Arable called *The Great Meadow*, lately divided into Two Closes, containing Twenty-two Acres; and all that Field or Close of Arable and Pasture called *Lawrence Hill*, containing Thirty-five Acres; and all that Field or Close of Arable and Pasture called *Pond Field* or *Close*, divided into Two Fields, containing Nineteen Acres; and all that Field or Close of arable Land called *Dungbill Field*, containing Ten Acres; and all that Pightle called *Lodge Orchard*, containing Two Acres, Part whereof was formerly laid to *Dungbill Field* aforesaid; and all that Close or Field of arable Land called *Thistleley Close*, containing Fourteen Acres; and all that Field or Close of Arable and Pasture Land called *Great Goats Leaze*, containing Thirteen Acres; and all those Two Fields or Closes of Pasture called *Little Goats Leaze*, containing Ten Acres, Part whereof was formerly laid into *Great Goats Leaze* aforesaid; and all that Field of Arable and Meadow called *Wormley Mead*, containing Thirty Acres; and all those Two Fields or Closes of arable Land called *The Two Sixteen Acres Fields*, containing Thirty-four Acres; which said Messuage, Farm, and Lands last mentioned, sometime were in the Occupation of *Thomas Turvey* or his Assigns, and then or late were in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Strode*, and all that other Messuage and Farm, with the Barns, Stables, and Outhouses thereunto belonging; and all that Pasture Field called *Barley Croft*, containing Four Acres Two Roods and Three Perches; and all those Two Fields of Arable and Pasture lying at the Bottom of the *Two Park Fields*, heretofore Part of the said *Two Park Fields*, containing Nine Acres One Rood and Thirty Perches; and all that Field or Close of arable called *Bricklamp Field*, containing

containing Ten Acres and Thirty-seven Perches; and all that Field or Close of Meadow Ground called or known by the Name of *The Round Mead*, containing Five Acres One Rood and Twenty Perches; and all that Messuage and Farm, and all Barns, Stables, and Outhouses thereunto belonging; and all that Close of arable Ground adjoining to the last-mentioned Messuage, containing Five Acres and One Rood; and all that Close of arable Ground adjoining to the Orchard of the last-mentioned Messuage, containing Five Acres and Two Roods; and all those Three Closes of arable Ground, lying near the Water-gate, and containing together Fourteen Acres One Rood and Nineteen Perches; and all that Close of arable Ground lying on the other Side of the Watercourse running from the said Water-gate, containing Twelve Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches, which said several Closes are Part of *Punsborne Park* aforesaid; and all those Closes of arable Land, likewise Part of *Punsborne Park* aforesaid, containing together Thirty-five Acres and One Rood; and all that little Piece of Pasture Ground, Part of the Hop-ground, containing One Acre and One Rood; and all that upper Part of the aforesaid Fields or Closes called *Parkfields*, as they were divided, containing Twenty-five Acres, more or less; and all that Field called the *Old Lodge Field*, containing Sixteen Acres One Rood and Nine Perches, which said Two last-mentioned Farms, Fields, and Closes, are therein mentioned to have been formerly in the several Occupations of *Jeremiah Shadbold* and *Thomas Cooper*; and all that Messuage or Tenement and Orchard, then or late in the Occupation of *Thomas Richardson* or his Assigns; and also the Fields and Closes or Arable and Pasture Ground called *The Wants*, containing together Thirty-five Acres, formerly in the Occupation of *Thomas Rushings* and *John Sanders*, and late of *Thomas Richardson*; all which said Messuages, Farms, Fields, Closes, Lands, and Premises, are Part of the demesne Lands of the Manor of *Punsborne* aforesaid, and are situate, lying, and being, in the Parishes of *Bishops Hatfield* and *Bayford*, or one of them, in the said County of *Hertford*; and also all that Messuage or Tenement, situate and being in *Newgate Street*, in the Parish of *Bishops Hatfield* aforesaid, late in the Occupation of *Robert Trussell*; and all Barns, Stables, Buildings, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and One Croft or Parcel of Pasture Land to the said Messuage or Tenement adjoining, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; and all that Piece or Parcel of arable Land, theretofore being Parcel of *Hatfield Wood*, containing by Estimation Eight Acres, lying between the Lands appointed for a Way, Lane, or Passage, leading unto the Park on the North, and the Lands theretofore of Sir *Henry Goodyear* Knight, on the South, and abutteth on the Park aforesaid on the West; and also all that Cottage or Tenement late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Guernsey*, and then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of _____ with all Outhouses and Appurtenances thereunto belonging; and also One Croft of Meadow, containing by Estimation Four Acres, lying and being near *Chebbunt Brook*, abutting upon the Highway leading from *Chebbunt* towards *Newgate Street* aforesaid towards the North, and upon the said Brook towards the East, and the other End upon the Land theretofore of Sir *Henry Goodyear*; and also all that Piece or Parcel of arable Land, theretofore Parcel of *Hatfield Wood*, containing by Estimation Six Acres, more or less, lying between the Land appointed for a Way leading to *Newpark* on the North, and the Ground appointed for a Way leading unto *Wiggins Well* on the South, and on the Way leading from *Newgate Street* to *Postern Gate* towards the East, all which last-mentioned Premises are situate, lying, and being, in the said Parish of *Bishops Hatfield*, in the County of *Hertford*, and, together with the said Lordship or Manor, Messuages, Farms, Fields, Closes, Lands, and Premises first above-mentioned were purchased by the said *Samuel Strobe*, Father of the said *William Strobe*, of and from *John Clarke* Gentleman, *Stanley West* Merchant, *Mary Clarke* Widow, and *William Clarke* Esquire, her Son: And all that the South Isle of the Chancel of the Parish Church of

of *Bishops Hatfield* aforesaid, and the Pews or Seats in the said Isle of the said Chancel and Vault under the same, or under some Part thereof, with their Appurtenances, which said Isle, Pews, and Vault, were purchased by the said *Samuel Strode* deceased, of and from the said *Mary Clarke* and *William Clarke* her Son; and also all that Close of Land which was formerly Wood, and called by the Name of *Beddall Grove*, being Parcel of the Demesnes of the Manor of *Punborne*, and lying in the Parish of *Bayford*, in the said County of *Hertford*, containing by Estimation Twelve Acres, then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Christopher Saunders*, or his Assigns, which said Close last-mentioned was purchased by the said *Samuel Strode* of *James Burnett* Gentleman; and also all that the Manor, or reputed Manor of *Negate Street*, alias *Newgate Street*, in *Bishops Hatfield*, in the said County of *Hertford*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereof; and also all that Capital Messuage, or chief Mansion-house, commonly called or known by the Name of *Newgate Street*, with the Appurtenances to the said Capital Messuage belonging, and all Edifices, Buildings, Gardens, Orchards, Courts, Yards, Backsides, Easements, Commodities, and Appurtenances, to the said Capital Messuage belonging or appertaining, or therewith used or enjoyed; and all the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, herein after mentioned, being usually occupied and enjoyed with the said Manor, or reputed Manor, or Capital Messuage; (that is to say) *The Copy Grove* and *Cow Pasture Close*, formerly severed, and then or theretofore undivided, containing by Estimation in all Thirteen Acres; *Hodge Alling Close*, containing by Estimation Ten Acres; *The Copy Mead*, containing by Estimation Three Acres; *The Great Brices Mead*, containing by Estimation Sixteen Acres; *The Little Brices Mead*, containing by Estimation Four Acres; *The Brices Grove or Wood*, containing by Estimation Twenty Acres; and all those Closes or Fields commonly called or known by the Name of *The Falls* and *Warren*, containing by Estimation Seventy-five Acres, with their and every of their Appurtenances, all which Premises late were in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Dawgs* the elder, or his Assigns, and then or formerly were divided into several Closes commonly called or known by the Name of the *Warren*, or *Wiggen Well Field*, *The Upper Falls*, *The Lower Falls*, *Dell Close*, *Horn Bean Close*, *The Lime Kiln Pghle*, with a Lime Kiln then or late therein, and a Close, containing about Four Acres, formerly let with the *George Inn* hereafter mentioned, and One Close, containing about an Acre and a Rood, whereon was formerly erected a new Brick Tenement and a Barn, with other Housing by the said *William Dawgs* the elder, and late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Richard Saunders* or his Assigns; and also all that Brick Messuage or Tenement, with the Appurtenances, formerly an Inn, and built by the said *William Dawgs* the elder, and commonly called or known by the Name or Sign of the *George*, and One Acre of Pasture Ground thereunto belonging and adjoining, formerly in the Occupation of *Gilbert Davis*, and purchased of him and *James Harrow* by the said *William Dawgs* the elder; and also One other Messuage, Tenement, and Farm, with the Appurtenances, and One Parcel of Land in *Hatfield Wood*, containing by Estimation Eight Acres, late or theretofore divided into Four Closes, and heretofore in the Occupation of *Edward Payne* or his Assigns, and formerly purchased by the said *William Dawgs* the elder of *William Clark* and *John Clark* his Son; and also One other Tenement or Cottage, with the Appurtenances, and One Parcel of Land in *Hatfield Wood*, containing by Estimation One Acre, more or less, theretofore in the Possession of *Francis Ives* or his Assigns, and formerly purchased by the said *William Dawgs* the elder, of *Abigail Bowbank* Spinster; all which last-mentioned Premises are also situate, lying, and being, in the Parish of *Bishops Hatfield*, in the said County of *Hertford*, and were formerly in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Dawgs* the elder, or his Assigns, and were purchased by the said *Samuel Strode* of *Ambrose Eyre* Gentleman; and also all that Messuage, Tenement, or Farm House, situate, standing, and being in the Parish of *Bayford*, in the said County

County of *Hertford*; and also One Field or Close adjoining to the Orchard, containing by Estimation Four Acres; and also One Close of Pasture called *Terret Close*, containing by Estimation Six Acres and Two Roods; and also Five Fields or Closes of Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Land, containing by Estimation Sixteen Acres and Two Roods; and also One Parcel of Wood Land, Parcel of a Grove called *Round Grove*, containing by Estimation Two Acres and Three Roods, adjoining to *Howfield Mead*; and also all that Field or Close of arable Land, whereupon a Barn lately stood, containing by Estimation Eight Acres and Two Roods, adjoining to the Orchard belonging to the said Messuage or Tenement; and also One other Field or Close of arable Land adjoining towards the North upon the before-mentioned Field wherein the said Barn stood as aforesaid, towards the North upon *Punsborne Park*, containing by Estimation Eleven Acres and Two Roods; and also One Field or Close of arable Land adjoining thereunto, towards the West upon the last-mentioned Field or Close, and towards the East upon a Field of Meadow Ground called *Tuckey Mead*, otherwise *Turrey's Mead*, towards the North upon the said Parcel of Pasture Ground called *The Turrett*, and the South upon the Lands formerly in the Occupation of *Robert Ruskin*, containing by Estimation Nine Acres; and also all that Field or Close of Meadow or Pasture Ground called *Tuckey Mead*, containing by Estimation Six Acres Two Roods and Twenty Perches; and also One Parcel of Wood-land, being Parcel of *Round Grove*, containing by Estimation Six Acres and One Rood, adjoining to *Tuckey Mead* aforesaid; also One Field or Close of arable Land called *Turrey's Field*, containing by Estimation Twelve Acres and Thirty-four Perches; and also One other Field or Close of Arable and Pasture Ground called *Howfield Mead*, containing by Estimation Sixteen Acres and One Rood; and also Part of a little Spring called *Howfield Mead Spring*, as it is hedged and ditched from the rest of the said Spring, and laid into *Howfield Mead* aforesaid, containing by Estimation One Rood and Thirty Perches; and also Part of a little Pightle, lying between *Howfield Mead* aforesaid and *Howfield Wood*, containing by Estimation One Acre One Rood and Ten Perches, as it is hedged and ditched from the rest of the said Pightle, and adjoins towards the North upon *Howfield*, and towards the South upon the rest of the said Pightle; and also all those Two Closes of arable Land called *Block's Closes*, containing by Estimation Twelve Acres; which said last-mentioned Messuages, Lands, and Premises, with their and every of their Appurtenances, are situate, lying, and being, in the Parishes of *Bayford* and *Hatfield*, or one of them, in the said County of *Hertford*; and also all that Messuage or Tenement called or known by the Name of the *Tyle Kiln House*, with Barn, Stable, Outhouses, Edifices, and Buildings to the same belonging; also all those Two Parcels of Land called *Conny Burroughs* and *Whiting Place*, containing by Estimation Two Acres and Eighteen Perches; and also one Meadow called *Little Mead*, containing by Estimation Six Acres Three Roods and Six Perches; and also all that Piece or Parcel of Ground called *Birches Wood*, containing by Estimation Eight Acres and Thirty-two Perches; and also all that Field or Close of Land called *Little Saunders*, containing by Estimation Two Acres Two Roods and Twenty Perches; and also all that Parcel of Ground called *Saunders Ground*, containing by Estimation Three Acres Two Roods and Four Perches, severed and divided from a certain Grove called *High Grove*, by an old and antient Ditch, reaching towards the East, full up to the said *High Grove*; and also Parcel of a certain Close of Land called *Great Saunders*, containing by Estimation Two Acres, and was formerly severed from the said Close called *Great Saunders*; and also all that Parcel of Land in *Hatfield Wood*, containing by Estimation Eighteen Acres, lying between the Lands formerly allotted unto *Barbara Bell* Widow, on the East, and the Lands likewise formerly allotted unto *Christopher Carpenter* on the West, and abutting upon the Lands allotted unto the Coheirs of *Sir Henry Cocks* Knight, deceased, on the South, and the Lands allotted

lotted and appointed for a Lane, Way, or Passage, leading from the *Tile Kiln House Causeway* towards *Bedwell Postern Gate* on the North, together with such Portion of Ground as by the Commissioners were allowed or appointed for making Ditches, to and for the Inclosure of the said Parcel of Land, together also with Common of Feeding and Pasturing, with free Ingress, Regress, and Passage, in, by, and through all the Highways, Land, Passages, and Wayes, laid forth and appointed in all Parts of the Common called *Hatfield Wood*, with all and singular the Appurtenances; and also all that Close and Closes of Meadow, Pasture, and Arable Land, called or known by the Name of *Bowstiles*, alias *Bowstrilles*, with their Appurtenances, containing by Estimation Nine Acres; and also all that Close of Meadow, Pasture, and Arable Land, called by the Name of *Fishes*, containing by Estimation Six Acres, adjoining to the said Land called *Bowstiles*, with their Appurtenances; all which last-mentioned Closes of Meadow, Pasture, and Arable Land, are lying and being in *Buckmerwich Hide*, and near adjoining to the *Park Lane*, in the Parish of *Hatfield*, all and singular of which said last-mentioned Messuages or Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, with their Appurtenances, are situate, lying, and being, in the several Parishes of *Bayford*, *Hatfield*, and *Little Berkhamstead*, some or one of them, and heretofore were in the Occupation of *Thomas Kilby*, *Thomas Turvey*, *John Clark*, *Robert Ruskin*, *William Brinkley*, *Robert Venables*, and *John Bachelor*, some or one of them, and were purchased by the said *Samuel Strode* from *Edward Perrot* Esquire and *Margaret* his Wife; and also all that Messuage or Tenement, situate, standing, and being, in the said Parish of *Bayford*, in the said County of *Hertford*, and built on a Piece of Ground formerly called *Asbin Grove*, with the Barn, Stables, Yards, Gardens, and Orchards, thereto belonging; and also all that Piece or Parcel of Land, whereon the said Messuage is erected, called *Asbin Grove*, containing by Estimation Ten Acres, be the same more or less; and also all that Piece or Parcel of a Close called *Howfield*, as the same was divided from the rest of the said Field, containing by Estimation Twenty-three Acres; and also One Pightle or Close of Pasture Ground called *Tuckey Mead Huse*, containing by Estimation Two Acres; also One other Part of the said Grove called *Asbin Grove*, containing by Estimation Fourteen Acres; also a little Parcel of Wood Ground, containing by Estimation One Acre, being Part of a Grove called *Round Grove*, and lieth next unto the West End of *Howfield* aforesaid; and also One little Piece or Parcel of Ground, formerly stocked up, being Part of the said Grove called *Round Grove*, containing by Estimation Half an Acre all but Four Poles; all which said last-mentioned Messuage or Tenement, Lands, Tenements, and Premises, are situate and being in the said Parish of *Bayford*, and late were Part and Parcel of the Demesne Lands of the said Manor of *Punsborne*, in the said County of *Hertford*, and formerly were in the Occupation of *Richard Gable* or his Assigns, and were purchased by the said *Samuel Strode* of and from *Stephen Trinder*, *John Bickle*, *Mark Noble*, *Joseph Edwards*, and *Thomas Green*; and also all that Messuage or Tenement, situate and being in *Walkerne* in the said County of *Hertford*, called or known by the Name of *Bassetts*; and all that Close of Meadow lying on the South Side of the said Messuage called or known by the Name of *Margery's Close*, containing by Estimation Six Acres, abutting East on a Lane leading to *Cowick Field*, West upon *Cowick Moor*, North upon *Moles Croft*, and South upon a little Lane next unto *Little Warwick Field*; One other Close of Meadow Ground called by the Name of *The Huse*, containing by Estimation Three Roods, lying on the Right Hand of a Highway called *Sengatt*, leading from the said Messuage, and abutting South upon *Berry Wood Leye*, and upon the said Highway; One Pightle of Meadow Ground, containing by Estimation Half an Acre, abutting towards the North upon the Land of the Lord of the Manor, and towards the South upon the same Highway called *Sengatt Lane*; One other Close of Meadow Ground called *Dopwell Mead*, containing by Estimation Two Acres, some time

Scotts, abutting towards the East upon the Lands then or late of *Crane*, and the aforesaid *Sengatt Lane* towards the West, lying South to the Land then or late of the said *Crane*, North to the Land then or late of *Thomas Chapman*; and all those Sixty-five Acres and Three Roods of arable Land, which did formerly lie dispersedly in the common Fields in the said Parish of *Walkerne* and the Parish of *Bennington*, or one of them, in the said County of *Hertford*, and have been since laid together in larger Pieces and Parcels, and some of them inclosed as hereafter is mentioned; that is to say, One Close, Piece, or Parcel of arable Land, called *Scotts*, abutting West upon *Sengate Field*, East upon Land then or late of Mr. *Prior*, North and South upon Lands of the Lord of the Manor, which was formerly several Pieces or Parcels, containing together by Estimation Fourteen Acres; One Spring, abutting upon *Norwood Grove* towards the East, West upon a Spring of the Lord of the Manor, North upon a Close then or late of *George Andrews*, and South upon a Spring then or late of *Crane*, containing by Estimation One Acre; One other Spring in *Littlegood-berne*, abutting East upon Land of the Lord of the Manor, West upon *Littlegood-berne*, and North upon Mr. *Chancey's* Wood, containing by Estimation One Acre; and the Fields or Closes of arable Land inclosed called *Bettles* and *Beaucroft*, with the Wood thereunto belonging, containing together by Estimation Ten Acres; *Little Gerrards Field* inclosed, with the Spring at the upper End thereof, abutting upon *Bettles Spring*, containing by Estimation Four Acres and an Half; and a Piece of Land in *Great Garrards Field*, with the thatched Pightle, and the Spring adjoining thereunto, abutting upon *Bettles* towards the East, containing by Estimation Nine Acres; and a Piece or Parcel of Land in *Little Winwell Field*, abutting towards the North upon *Match Croft*, and South upon *Great Winwick's Field*, containing by Estimation Five Acres; and Eleven Pieces or Parcels of arable Land in *Great Winwell common Field*, lying intermixed between the Lands then or late of Mr. *Lane*, and the Glebe Land, together with the Hedge-row thereunto belonging, containing by Estimation Eight Acres and an Half; and Seven Pieces or Parcels of Land in a common Field called *Cowick Field*, alias *Mill Field*, Four Pieces thereof abutting South upon a Close then or late of Mr. *Lanes* called *Bradcroft*, North upon other Lands then or late of Mr. *Lanes*, Three other Pieces thereof in *Millfield Sbot*, abutting East upon Mr. *Lane's* Lands, West upon the Lands of the Lord of the Manor, containing by Estimation Five Acres; and Two Pieces or Parcels of Land in a common Field, called *Brackfield*, One Piece or Parcel thereof abutting South-East upon Land then or late of Mr. *Thomas Adams*, West upon *Brook Field*, the other Piece thereof abutting South upon *Bilts Lane*, North upon the Piece before-mentioned, containing by Estimation Two Acres and an Half; and One Piece or Parcel of arable Land, called the *Heading Piece*, in a common Field called *Brook Field*, abutting East and West upon the Lands of the Lord of the Manor aforesaid, North upon the other Lands then or late of Mr. *Prior*, and South upon several Persons Lands, containing by Estimation One Rood; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land lying in the same Field, abutting South upon the last-mentioned Piece of Land, and North upon the Lands of the Lord of the Manor, containing by Estimation Two Acres; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land, abutting East upon the Land of the Lord of the Manor, West upon Land then or late of Mr. *Lane*, and North and South upon other Land then or late of Mr. *Lane*, containing by Estimation Three Roods; and One other Piece or Parcel of Land, abutting South upon *Richard Harvey's* Bilts, North upon other Lands then or late of Mr. *Prior* and Mr. *Adams*, containing by Estimation Two Roods; and One other Piece or Parcel of Land, abutting East upon Land then or late of Mr. *Lane*, West upon *George Crane's* Mead, alias *Hunt's* Mead, containing by Estimation One Acre; and One other Piece or Parcel of Land, abutting East upon a Heading-piece then or late of Mr. *Adams*, West upon Land then or late

late of *George Crane*, containing by Estimation Three Roods ; and One Piece or Parcel of Land in a common Field called *Brockhill Field*, abutting East upon *Richard Harvey's* Bilts, West upon the Highway leading from *Walkerne* to *Wattenatt Stone*, containing by Estimation One Acre ; and One Close of arable Land inclosed, called *the Four Acre Close*, abutting North upon *Cadcroft Lane*, South and West upon Land then or late of *Mr. Parnell*, containing by Estimation Five Acres ; and Three Pieces or Parcels of arable Land in One Shott, in a common Field called *Eltory Field*, abutting North upon Land then or late of *Mr. Parnell*, South upon a Headland Piece then or late of *Mr. Prior*, and the Land of the Lord of the Manor aforesaid, containing by Estimation Two Acres and One Rood ; and the Headland Piece or Parcel of Land last mentioned, abutting East upon the Lands then or late of *Mr. Adams*, West upon the Land of the Lord of the Manor, containing by Estimation Two Roods ; and Two Pieces or Parcels of Land in a common Field, called *Huntbill Field*, abutting North upon the Land then or late of *Mr. Adams*, South upon Lands then or late in the Occupation of *Joseph Field*, containing by Estimation One Acre and Three Roods ; and Two Pieces or Parcels of arable Land in a common Field called *Cadcroft Field*, abutting South upon *Cadcroft Lane*, and North upon the Glebe Land, containing together by Estimation Two Roods ; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land in the same Field, abutting East upon the Lands then or late of *Mr. Adams*, West upon Lands then or late in the Occupation of *Joseph Field*, North upon *Greenway Lane*, with the Hedge and Trees, containing by Estimation Three Roods ; One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land in the same Field, abutting South upon *Huntbill Pigstile*, West upon *Huntbill Common*, containing by Estimation Three Roods ; and Two Pieces or Parcels of arable Land in *Hunden common Field*, abutting North upon *Damnage Close*, South upon the Lands then or late of *Mr. Adams*, containing by Estimation One Acre and One Rood ; and Two other Pieces or Parcels of arable Land lying in the same Field, abutting South upon *Greenway Lane*, North upon Lands then or late of *Mr. Adams*, containing by Estimation One Acre and One Rood ; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land lying in the same Field, called *Stoney Acre in the Valley*, abutting West upon Land then or late of *Mr. Parnell*, East upon a Headland Piece, then or late of *Mr. Prior*, containing by Estimation One Acre ; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land lying in the same Field called the Headland Piece, abutting North upon Land then or late in the Occupation of *Joseph Field*, South on Land then or late of *Mr. Prior*, containing by Estimation Three Roods ; and One other Headland Piece lying in the same Field, abutting East and West upon Land then or late of *Mr. Adams*, containing by Estimation One Acre and One Rood ; One other Piece or Parcel of Land lying on the West Side of *Damnage Head*, North upon Lands then or late of *Mr. Adams*, containing by Estimation Half an Acre ; and Two Pieces or Parcels of arable Land in a common Field called *Churchend Field*, abutting West upon *Hunden Field*, East upon Land of the Lord of the Manor, containing by Estimation Two Acres ; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land, abutting South upon *Greenway Lane*, North upon Land then or late of *Mr. Adams*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half ; and One other Piece or Parcel of arable Land, abutting East upon *Noeman's Lands*, containing by Estimation Half an Acre ; and Three other Pieces or Parcels of arable Land, lying in *Homesbott* in the same Field, abutting East upon the Land of the Lord of the Manor, West upon the Highway leading from *Walkerne* to *Baldock*, containing by Estimation Two Acres ; and One other Piece with Hedge and Ditch by *Baldock Highway*, abutting North upon *Slow Grove*, South upon the said Highway, containing by Estimation One Acre ; and One other Piece or Parcel of Arable, abutting South upon the Land then or late in the Occupation of *Joseph Field*, North upon other Land then or late of *Joseph Field*, and East upon *Baldock Highway* aforesaid, containing by Estimation Five Acres ; and
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a Piece or Parcel of *Coppice Wood*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half, lying and being in the said Parish of *Walkerne*, all which said Messuage or Tenement, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premises, herein before last-mentioned, with their Appurtenances, were then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Chapman*, or his Under-tenants, and were purchased by the said *Samuel Strode*, of and from *John Prior* the elder, and *John Prior* the younger, his Son and Heir apparent, and *Abraham Whiting*, of *London*, Wine Cooper; and all other the Freehold Manors, Messuages, Farms, Fields, Closes, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, with their Appurtenances, of him the said *William Strode*, situate, lying, and being, in the several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, Precincts, Fields, and Territories of *Bishops Hatfield*, *Bayford*, *Berkhampsted*, *Chebbunt*, *Essenden*, *Broxborne*, *Walkerne*, and *Bennington*, any or either of them, or elsewhere, in the said County of *Hertford* (except several Closes, Pieces, or Parcels of Land, situate, lying, and being, in the said Parish of *Bishops Hatfield*, near *Millwards Park*, then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Bennett*, at the yearly Rent of Ten Pounds, which were theretofore purchased with other Lands by the said *Samuel Strode*, of *Edward Perrott* Esquire), and all Courts Leet, and View of Frankpledge, and all and whatsoever to View of Frankpledge appertaineth, Perquisites and Profits of Courts, and all Rents and Services of the Free and Copyhold Tenants of the Lordships or Manors aforesaid, and all Waifs, Estrays, Deodands, Escheats, Royalties, Franchises, Privileges, Jurisdctions, and other Appurtenances whatsoever, to the same Manors or Lordships belonging or appertaining, and all Houses, Outhouses, Dovehouses, Edifices, Buildings, Barns, Stables, Gardens, Orchards, Courts, Yards, Backsides, Ways, Passages, Lights, Easements, Waters, Watercourses, Commons, and Common of Pasture, Timber, and other Trees, Woods, Woodgrounds, Underwoods, and the Ground and Soil belonging to the same Profits, Commodities, Privileges, Advantages, Liberties, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever, to the said Manors or Lordships, Mansion-houses, Messuages, Farms, Fields, Closes, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, before-mentioned, or any of them, belonging or in anywise appertaining, or accepted, reputed, deemed, taken, or known as Part, Parcel, or Member thereof, or any Part thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits, of all and singular the same Premises; to hold the said Manors and Premises, to them the said *Simon Lord Viscount Harcourt* and *John Blagrave*, and their Heirs, to the several Uses, upon the Trusts, and to and for the Ends, Intents, and Purposes, and subject to the Provisoos, Declarations, and Agreements therein after-mentioned; that is to say, to the Use of the said *William Strode*, the Father, for his Life; and after his Decease, to the Use of the said Lady *Anne Strode*, for her Life; and after her Decease, to the Use of *William Strode*, eldest Son of the said *William Strode*, the Father, by the said Lady *Anne*, for his Life, without Impeachment of Waste; with Remainder to Trustees, and their Heirs, during the Life of the said *William Strode*, the Son, in Trust, to preserve the Contingent Remainders; and after the Decease of the said *William Strode*, the Son, to the Use of his first and every other Son lawfully to be begotten successively in Tail Male; Remainder to the Use of *James Strode*, second Son of the said *William Strode*, the Father, by the said Lady *Anne*, during his Life, without Impeachment of Waste; with the like Limitation to Trustees in Trust, to preserve the Contingent Remainders; and after the Decease of the said *James Strode*, to the Use of his first and every other Son successively in Tail Male; Remainder to all and every other the Son and Sons of the said *William Strode*, the Father, on the Body of the said Lady *Anne*, his Wife, to be begotten successively in Tail Male; with the last Remainder or Reversion in Fee-simple, to the Use of the said *William Strode*, the Father, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and after reciting in the said Indenture of Release, that the said *William Strode*,

the Father, was seised to him and his Heirs, according to the Custom of the Manor of *Hatfield*, in the said County of *Hertford*, of and in all that Piece of Land called *Old Howes*, containing One Rood, lying near the Capital Messuage called *Newgate Street House*; and also all that Piece of Land lately taken out of the Waste of the said Manor of *Hatfield*, and inclosed in the *Court Yard* there, containing Twenty-one Perches or thereabouts; and also all that Piece of Land late Parcel of the Waste of the said Manor, lying on the West Side of the *Court Yard* belonging to the said Capital Messuage at *Newgate Street*, then or late in the Possession of *Robert Myre* junior, Gentleman, containing in Length One hundred and Seventy Feet, and in Breadth Thirty Feet, adjoining to the Garden Wall of the said Messuage; and all that Piece of Land late Parcel of the said Waste, adjoining to the East Side of the said *Court Yard*, containing in Length Seventy Feet, and in Breadth Twelve Feet Six Inches (except and reserved to the Lord of the said Manor, a Row of Elms growing there); all which said Premises are therein mentioned to be held of the said Manor of *Hatfield*, by Copy of Court Roll; and that the said *William Strode*, was also seised to him and his Heirs according to the Custom of the Manor of *Bedwell Lowths*, in the said County of *Hertford*, of and in One Meadow called *Copy Rayles*, containing by Estimation Four Acres, abutting on the King's Highway towards the South, and upon a Field, called *Hodgallins*, towards the East; and also a Grove called *Copy Grove* containing by Estimation Five Acres, abutting upon two Fields called *Hodgallins* and *Great Brices*, towards the South, and upon other Lands called *Le Cow Pasture* towards the West, and upon Lands belonging to *Punshorne* towards the North with the Appurtenances, which said Premises last-mentioned are therein mentioned to be held of the said Manor of *Bedwell Lowths*, by Copy of Court Roll; and that the said *William Strode* was also seised to him and his Heirs, according to the Custom of the Manor of *Little Berkhamstead*, in the said County of *Hertford*, of and in all that Messuage or Tenement, with the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Barns, Buildings, and Appurtenances, thereunto belonging; and all and singular the Lands and Hereditaments following; that is to say, One Field called *Cow Pasture*, containing by Estimation Six Acres; One other Field called *The Hedge Ground*, containing by Estimation Two Acres; Two Closes called *Le Moors*, containing together by Estimation Five Acres; One other Close called *Le Broomhill* containing by Estimation Six Acres; Two other Closes called *The Hills*, containing by Estimation Thirteen Acres; One other Close called *The Wood*, containing by Estimation Four Acres; One other Close called *Causay Mead*, containing by Estimation Five Acres; One other Close called *Bushey Close*, containing by Estimation Two Acres; One other Field called *Gravel Pit Field*, containing by Estimation Four Acres; One other Field called *Lower Pease-field*, containing by Estimation Seven Acres; One other Close called *Upper Pease-field*, containing by Estimation Eight Acres; Three other Closes called *Pondfield Closes*, containing by Estimation Six Acres; One other Field called *The Break*, containing by Estimation Eight Acres; One other Field called *Sprouse Field Bottom*, containing by Estimation Seven Acres; One other Field called *Winter*, containing by Estimation Five Acres; One other Close called *Nashfield Close*, containing by Estimation Three Acres; One other Field called *Churchfield Close*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; One Wood called *The Weeds*, containing by Estimation Two Acres, or by whatsoever Name or Names the said Fields or Closes and Woods or any of them, then or late were called or known; and also divers Parcels of Meadow lying in several Places in the common Field called *Berkhamstead Meadow* containing together by Estimation Three Acres; One Piece of Land lying in the common Field called *Milfield*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; Three Pieces of Land lying in the common Field called *Great Sprouse Field*, containing by Estimation Three Acres; Two Pieces of Land lying in the common Field

field called *Nashfield*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; One other Piece of Land lying in the common Field called *Heycocks*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; Two Pieces of Land lying in the common Field called *Pondfield Common*, containing by Estimation Three Acres; Two Pieces of Land lying in the common Field called *Church Field*, containing together by Estimation Two Acres; One other Piece of Land lying in the common Field called *Pondfield*, containing by Estimation One Acre and an Half; and Three Pieces of Land lying in the common Field called *Parkfield Common*, containing together by Estimation Six Acres; all which Messuage, Fields, Closes, Lands, and Premises, last-mentioned, with their Appurtenances, are situate and being in the Parish of *Little Berkhamstead* aforesaid, in the said County of *Hertford*, and late or theretofore were in the Tenure or Occupation of *Christopher Saunders*, his Undertenants or Assigns; and all that House or Cottage, with the Orchard and Two Closes thereunto adjoining, containing by Estimation Four Acres, and a Piece of Meadow, containing One Rood in the common Field of *Little Berkhamstead* aforesaid, late or theretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of *George Catlin*, or his Assigns; and also all those Pieces or Parcels of Land lying in the said common Field called *Heycocks*, containing by Estimation Five Acres or thereabouts; and One Acre and Half of arable Land lying in the said common Field called *Millfield*, and late or theretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of *George Green*, or his Assigns; all and singular which last mentioned Copyhold Messuages or Tenements, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premises, with their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, are therein mentioned to have been purchased by the said *Samuel Strode*, of *James Burnett* and *Anne* his Wife, and to be held of the said Manor of *Little Berkhamstead*, by Copy of Court Roll; and also of all that customary Messuage, Tenement, or Farm-house, situate, standing, and being, at or near a Place called *Epping Green*, in the said Parish of *Little Berkhamstead*, abutting on the common Way leading from a certain Place called *Newgate Street*, to the Church of *Little Berkhamstead* aforesaid, together with all Closes, Fields, Pightles, Pieces, and Parcels, of Arable, Meadow and Pasture Land thereto belonging, or in any-wise appertaining, lying within the said Parish of *Little Berkhamstead*, and hereafter particularly mentioned and described; that is to say, Two Closes of Pasture, containing together by Estimation Five Acres, adjoining to the Messuage or Tenement aforesaid on the North Side, and abutting upon the common Highway leading from *Newgate Street* aforesaid, to the Church of *Little Berkhamstead* aforesaid, on the West Side; Two other Closes of arable Land, containing together by Estimation Three Acres, adjoining to the last-mentioned Close on the East Side, abutting upon the Way leading from *Epping Green* aforesaid, towards *Bayford*, in the said County of *Hertford*, on the South Side; One other Close of arable Land called *The Four Acres*, containing by Estimation Four Acres, abutting West on a Place called *Bedwell Park*; Two other Pieces of arable Land, lying in the common Field called *Nashfield*, containing together by Estimation One Acre, One Piece being a Headland Piece; Five other Pieces or Parcels of arable Land, lying dispersedly in the common Field called *Millfield*, containing by Estimation Three Acres and Two Roods; Two other Pieces or Parcels of arable Land, lying dispersedly in the common Field called *Broadlands*, containing together by Estimation One Acre; and One Piece or Parcel of Meadow, lying in the common Meadow called *Berkhamstead Mead*, containing by Estimation One Rood, more or less; all which Premises last-mentioned were late or theretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Thorpe*, his Under-tenants or Assigns, and are therein mentioned to have been purchased by the said *Samuel Strode*, of *John Clay* and *Mary* his Wife, *Samuel Bowde*, and *William Hall*, and to be held of the said Manor of *Little Berkhamstead*, by Copy of Court Roll; and that the said *William Strode* was also seised to him and his Heirs, according to the Custom of the Manor of *Walkerne*, in the said County of *Hertford*,

Hertford, of and in all those Fifteen Acres of arable Land lying in Three Fields called *Great Garrards*, *Little Garrards*, and *Walmans*; and One Acre and an Half of arable Land lying in a Field called *Brookfield*; and also all that Parcel of Land called *Blunts*, and all that Field of arable Land called *Busb Walmans*, containing by Estimation Nine Acres; and all that Field of Meadow called *Lay Walmans* containing Ten Acres; all which Premises last-mentioned, therein mentioned to be held of the Manor of *Walkerne*, by Copy of Court Roll; it is further witnessed by the said Indenture, and the said *William Strode*, the Father, for the Conditions aforesaid, did thereby covenant to surrender all and every the aforesaid Customary or Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with their Appurtenances; and also all other the Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of him the said *William Strode*, the Father, held of the aforesaid Manors, or any of them, to the Use of him the said *William Strode* the Father, for his Life; and after his Decease, to the Use of the said Lady *Anne Strode*, his Wife, for her Life; and after her Decease, to the Use of the said *William Strode* the Son, and *James Strode*, and such other Son and Sons of the said *William Strode*, deceased, by the said Lady *Anne*, that he might thereafter happen to have, and their respective Heirs Male, in Order and Course, and in such Manner as the Freehold Lands and Hereditaments thereby released were settled and limited, or as near as the same could be consistent with the Custom of the said several Manors; and as the Law would admit of for settling of Copyhold Estates with Remainder to the said *William Strode*, deceased, his Heirs and Assigns, forever; in which said Indenture of Release is contained a Power for the several Persons to whom an Estate for Life is thereby limited, of and in the said Freehold and Copyhold Premises, when and as they should respectively be in the Possession thereof, by virtue of the aforesaid Limitations, to make Leases of all or any Part of the same Premises, for any Term or Number of Years, not exceeding Twenty-one Years, without taking any Fine, Premium or Fore-gift:

And whereas the said *William Strode*, the Father, made his last Will and Testament, in Writing, bearing Date the 15th Day of *March*, 1755; and thereby directed, that all his Household Goods, Furniture, Pictures, and Linen (except his Plate that should be in and about his House and Offices at *Ponsborn*, or in *London*, at the Time of his Decease), should not be sold, but should be kept and preserved in his said House and Offices, and go as Heir Looms with the same, and be possessed and enjoyed by the Person or Persons who should, from time to time after his Decease, be intitled to the Possession and Use of the said House, by virtue of and under a Settlement he had made thereof; and he gave and devised his Manor of *Trobridge*, and all other his Lands in the County of *Devon*, and all other his Lands, Tenements, and real Estate whatsoever, unto and to the Use of his Mother *Anne Strode*, and his Brother *Samuel Strode*, and their Heirs, upon Trust, to convey, sell, and dispose thereof, either together or in Parcels; and he thereby directed that all the Money that should arise by such Sale or Sales, should sink and go into the Residue of his personal Estate, which he thereby gave and bequeathed to the said *Anne Strode* and *Samuel Strode*, upon the Trusts therein mentioned for the Benefit of his younger Children, and made them Executors of his said Will, and Guardians of all his Children, and of their Persons and Estates:

And whereas the said *William Strode*, the Father, and Lady *Anne Strode*, his Wife, are both dead, leaving Issue between them only Two Sons; *videlicet*, the said *William Strode*, who hath attained his Age of Twenty-one Years, and the said *James Strode*, who is under the Age of Fourteen Years; and Two Daughters, namely, *Anne Strode*, who hath attained the Age of Twenty-one Years, and *Cecil Strode*, who is under the Age of Ten Years:

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And whereas There are Two large Capital Messuages or Mansion Houses upon the said Estate; and the keeping the same in Repair is attended with a constant expence, and occasions a considerable Reduction of the yearly Income of the said Estate:

And whereas, from the Situation and Circumstances of the said settled Estate, the said *William Strode* the Son, and *Anne Strode* his Grandmother, apprehend and are satisfied that the same may be sold for an advanced Price, and the Money produced by such Sale, laid out and disposed in buying Lands and Hereditaments of better yearly Income, and more convenient for the Purposes of the aforesaid Settlement; and there is a fair Prospect that such Sale and Purchase respectively may speedily take place and be effected:

But although the same would be greatly for the Benefit of the said *William Strode* the Son, and all other Persons claiming under the said Settlement; Yet, reason of the Limitations therein contained, such Sale cannot be effected for the Purposes aforesaid, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament:

Wherefore Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the said *William Strode* the Son, and the said *Anne Strode* the Grandmother, and *Samuel Strode*, on behalf of the said *James Strode* the Infant,

Do most humbly beseech Your MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted, by the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the said Lordship or Manor of *Punesborne*, otherwise *Punborne*, and the said Capital Messuage called *Punburne*, and the Park called *Punburne Park*, in the said County of *Hertford*; and the said Manor of *Newgate Street*, and the said Capital Messuage called *Newgate Street*, in the County of *Hertford* aforesaid; and all and every the Freehold and Copyhold Messuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, therein before-mentioned to be comprised in and settled, limited, conveyed, and covenanted, and agreed to be settled, surrendered, conveyed, and agreed, by the Indentures of Lease and Release, of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Days of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-eight, therein before recited or referred to, with their and every of their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits, of all and singular the same Manors and Premises, shall, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty, be settled upon and vested in, and the same are hereby from thenceforth settled upon and vested in, the said *Simon* Lord Viscount *Harcourt*, now *Simon* Earl *Harcourt*, and *John* *Leman*, of *Northaw*, in the said County of *Hertford*, Esquire, their Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of them the said *Simon* Earl *Harcourt* and *John* *Leman*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, freed, discharged and absolutely acquitted, exempted, and exonerated, of, from, against, all and every the Uses, Estates, Trusts, Powers, Covenants, Provisions, Limitations, and Agreements, in and by the said recited Settlement and Indentures, or either of them, limited, created, provided, and declared, of and concerning the same; and also that from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, all and singular the Household Goods, Furniture, Pictures, and Linen, in and about the said House and Offices, at *Punborne* aforesaid, which, in and by the said Will of the said *William Strode* the Father, were directed to be kept and preserved, and go along with the said House, as Heir Looms as aforesaid, shall and the same are hereby from thenceforth, vested in the said *Simon* Earl *Harcourt* and *John* *Leman*, their Executors, Administrations, and Assigns.

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And it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, and their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators respectively shall stand and be seised and possessed of the Premises hereby vested in them as aforesaid, upon the Trusts, and to and for the Ends, Intents, and Purposes, subject to the Provisoes and Declarations herein after-mentioned, expressed, and declared; that is to say, upon Trust, that they the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, or the Survivor of them, or the Heirs of such Survivor, do and shall, at all convenient Speed, with the Consent and Approbation of the said *William Strode* the Son, if living, but if dead, of their own Authority, sell and dispose of the said Manors, Messuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, hereby vested in them as aforesaid, and also of the said Household Goods, Furniture, Pictures, and Linen, herein before-mentioned, either entirely or in Parcels, unto any Person or Persons that shall be willing to become Purchasers thereof, for the most Money and best Price and Prices that can be reasonably got for the same; and do and shall apply and dispose of the Money arising by such Sale, in Manner following; that is to say, in the first Place for the paying and discharging the said principal Sum of Three thousand Pounds, due and owing upon, and charged upon, the said Manors or Premises, by virtue of the said Mortgage made to the said *Sir Matthew Lamb* as aforesaid, and all Interest due and to be due for the same principal Sum; and in the next Place, for the paying and discharging the Charges and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this present Act; and also upon Trust, that they the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, or the Survivor of them, or the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall, with the like Consent and Approbation of the said *William Strode* the Son, if living, and if dead, then of their own Authority, lay out, apply, and dispose of the Residue and Surplus of the Money arising by such Sale or Sales, which shall remain after and shall not be applied in and for Payment of the said Incumbrances and Charges and Expences hereby directed to be issued and paid thereout, in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in that Part of Great Britain called *England*, in Fee-simple in Possession, and do and shall settle, convey, and assure, the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so to be purchased, to, for, and upon, the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and subject to the Provisoes, Declarations, and Agreements, herein after-mentioned, expressed, and declared; that is to say, to the Use of the said *William Strode* the Son, and his Assigns, during his Life, without Impeachment of Waste; and immediately after the Determination of that Estate, to the Use of Two Persons in the said intended Settlement to be named, and their Heirs, during the Life of the said *William Strode* the Son, in Trust, to serve the contingent Uses and Estates hereby directed to be limited thereof, the same being defeated or destroyed; and immediately after the Decease of the said *William Strode* the Son, to the Use of the First and every other Son of his Body lawfully to be begotten, successively, according to their Seniority, and the Heirs Male of his Body and Bodies of all and every such Son and Sons respectively issuing, every one of such Sons, and the Heirs Male of his Body, being always preferred and to be preferred before a younger of them, and the Heirs Male of his Body; and, in Default of Issue, to the Use of the said *James Strode*, and his Assigns, during his Life, without Impeachment of Waste, with Remainder to Trustees and their Heirs, during the Life of the said *James Strode*, in Trust, to preserve the contingent Remainders; and after his Death, to the Use of the First and every other Son of his Body lawfully to be begotten, successively, according to their Seniority, and the Heirs Male of his Body and Bodies of all and every such Son and Sons respectively issuing, every one of such Sons, and the Heirs Male of his Body, being always preferred and to be preferred before a younger of them, and the Heirs Male of his Body; and, in Default of Issue, to the Use of the Right Heirs of the said *William Strode* the Father, or his Heirs and Assigns, with a Power in the said intended Settlement to be inserted, purporting, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *William Strode* the Son, and *James Strode*, when, and as they shall respectively be in the actual Possession

of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, so directed to be settled as aforesaid, by Indenture or Indentures, under their respective Hands and Seals, to make Leases of the same Premises, or of any Part thereof, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to take Effect in Possession and not in Reversion, reserving upon such Leases the best and most improved yearly Rent that can be got for the same, without taking any Fine, Premium, or Fore-gift.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That in the mean time, and until such Sale or Sales shall be made as aforesaid, they the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, and the Survivor of them, and the Heirs of such Survivor, do and shall permit and suffer the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the Premises hereby vested in them, in Trust, to be sold as aforesaid, to be had, received, taken, and applied, by and for the Benefit of such Person and Persons as would be intitled to and ought to receive the same, in case this Act had not been made.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That in the mean time, after the Sale and Conveyance of the Premises hereby vested to be sold as aforesaid, and until the Surplus of the Money arising by such Sale, which shall remain after, and not be applied in Payment and Discharge of the Incumbrance and Sums of Money hereby directed to be issued and paid thereout as aforesaid, shall be laid out in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, pursuant to this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, and the Survivor of them, and the Heirs of such Survivor, by and with such Consent and Authority as aforesaid, to place out such Surplus Money upon the publick Funds, or on Government or Real Security, at Interest; and also, from time to time, with the like Consent and Authority, to call in the Principal Money so to be placed out, and to place out the same again at Interest on new or other Funds or Securities of the like Nature: And that the Interest, Dividends, and Proceed, arising and produced from such Funds and Securities, shall go and be paid and applied to and for the Benefit of such Person and Persons, and for such Intents and Purposes, as the Rents and Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments hereby directed to be purchased, should or ought to be paid and applied, in case the same were purchased and settled pursuant to this Act.

And, for promoting and facilitating the Sale of the Premises hereby vested to be sold as aforesaid, It is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the Receipt and Receipts of the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, or the Survivor of them, or the Heirs of such Survivor, under their or his Hands or Hand respectively, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the Premises, or any Part thereof, and to their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for so much of the said Purchase-money for which such Receipt or Receipts shall be given: And after such Receipt or Receipts, the said Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be, and is and are hereby absolutely acquitted and discharged of and from the same; and he, they, or any of them, after such Receipt or Receipts, shall not be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Non-application, of the said Purchase-money, or any Part thereof.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That the said *Simon Earl Harcourt* and *John Leman*, shall not, nor shall either of them, or the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, of either of them, be answerable or accountable for any Money to be received by virtue of or under the Trusts hereby in them reposed, any otherwise than each Person for such Sum and Sums of Money as he shall respectively actually receive; and that no one of them shall be answerable or accountable for the Acts, Receipts, Neglects, or Defaults, of the other of them: And also that

that they the said Trustees, their respective Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall and may, by and out of Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the Premises hereby vested in them as aforesaid, retain to and reimburse themselves all reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences, that they respectively shall or may sustain or be put unto, in and about the Execution of the Trusts hereby in them reposed.

Saving always to the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, his Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, his, her, and their, respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, (Other than and except the said *William Strode* the Son, and *James Strode*, and their respective First and every other Son and Sons to be begotten, and the Heirs Male of the Body and Bodies of such Son and Sons, and the Heirs of the said *William Strode* deceased, and all other Person or Persons claiming or to claim any Estate, Use, Trust, Right, Title, Property, Benefit, or Interest, of, in, to, or out of, the said Premises vested by this Act, or any Part thereof, by virtue of or under the said Settlement and Will herein before recited respectively, or either of them); All such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, of, in, to, or out of, the Premises hereby vested, every or any Part thereof, as they, every or any of them, had before the Passing of this Act, or could or might have had and enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

An ACT for Selling certain Manors, Capital Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of Hertford, comprised in a Settlement made by *William Strode*, Esquire, deceased; and for purchasing, with the Money arising by such Sale, other Lands and Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses.

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